



# THE MISSION

## DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

Keeping the Community  
Connected and Informed

Fall, 2013



Young D3  
resident stops  
by Library  
booth during  
Backpack  
Giveaway event  
to get a closer  
look.



Informative  
roundtable  
discussion at a  
recent conference  
on Elderly  
Domestic Violence.

## A Message From Councilwoman Viagran

Each day I am honored and humbled to serve as your representative at City Hall. Since I took office on June 1st of this year, my staff and I have been working hard to address the issues and concerns facing our neighborhoods.

In this first printed edition of THE MISSION, I wanted to share with you some of the great things my office has been doing over the last several months. Of course what you read here are just some of the highlights, and I will continue to work tirelessly each and everyday to get stray and abandoned animals off the streets, fix roads, construct new curbs and sidewalks, stop code violations, and to promote economic development so our area of San Antonio can continue to prosper.

As this newsletter goes to print, I'll be wrapping up the work of approving our city budget for 2014. Know that I have fought to keep our parks, community centers, and libraries open, and to ensure we have adequate police and fire protection.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve,

Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran

## Upcoming Events

[Sat, Oct 26] Coffee and Conversation  
with the Councilwoman

[Sat, Nov 2] D3 Family Fall Fun Run/  
Walk 5k at Brooks  
City-Base



## District 3 Field Office Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The residents and business community came together to celebrate the grand opening. More on page 2.

## Mission Reach Grand Opening!

Families can now enjoy over 15 miles of hike and bike trails, plus kayaking and paddling.



## National Night Out in District 3

District 3 staff gave glow in the dark necklaces to the young participants.



## Mayor Castro Attends Pre-K 4 SA Convocation

The South Center is located at 7031 S. New Braunfels. (Across the street from Brooks in City Base West)



## Coffee and Conversation with the Councilwoman

**An opportunity to sit with Councilwoman Viagran face-to-face to share what is going on in your area.**

In an effort to engage residents who live in areas that don't have neighborhood or home owner associations, the Councilwoman has instituted "Coffee and Conversations with the Councilwoman" in hopes to connect residents with her office. These small, informal gatherings take place on Saturday mornings in different area restaurants around the district to

make it convenient for residents to attend. The councilwoman opens the meeting with a brief overview of major issues facing the city and the district, but then invites questions from the audience.

Call the District Field Office at 207-0969 to find out when and where the next meeting will be held.

## District 3 Field Office Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On July 13, District 3 held a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony for the field office located on the campus of Brooks City-Base. Over 100 residents, community leaders and supporters were on hand for the event.

Tom Shaw, president of the South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; Alex Briseño, Chairman of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce board of directors; and Richard Perez, president of the San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce, each offered words and their organization's official ribbon to drape across the doors of the office for the Councilwoman to cut as part of the celebration.

Also in attendance and serving as master of ceremonies was Leo Gomez, president and chief executive officer of the Brooks Development Authority where the field office is located.

In addressing the group, the Councilwoman introduced her city staff that will be working to address the issues and concerns of the residents. She said, "This office is a promise to be accessible and responsible to the community. We will do all we can to find workable solutions to the issues our neighbors and businesses are facing."

For those who missed the event, the Councilwoman invites you to stop by the office and get to know the staff. The office is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and is located at **3319 Sidney Brooks, Bldg. 510**. The phone number is 210-207-0969.





# 5K FUN RUN WALK

DISTRICT 3 FALL

## Brooks City-Base



Put on your running or walking shoes, and take part in the D3 Family Fall Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, November 2nd at 8am on the campus of Brooks City-Base. Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran along with the San Antonio Sports Foundation are teaming up to bring this fun event for the whole family. There will be prizes and special guests. Make plans to be there!

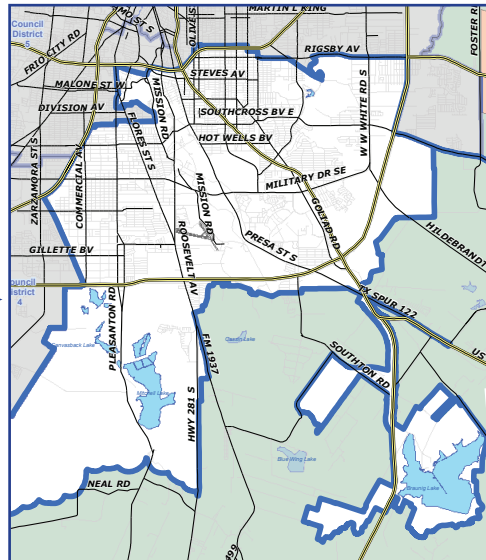
# 311

## The Number to Call

If you need to report a non-emergency problem in your neighborhood, such as a stray animal, graffiti, potholes, or a broken street light, call 311. It is the quickest and easiest way to report a problem.

## District 3 Map →

Every 10 years following the Census, redistricting occurs. That means the boundaries of representation change. Visit [www.sanantonio.gov](http://www.sanantonio.gov) to view a detailed map of the district or visit your District 3 Field Office.



Here is a list of projects you need to be on the lookout which are under construction or completed since Councilwoman Viagran took office. Please note that this does not include the many potholes repairs done since June 1.

### STREETS:

- Silverleaf Oak - Blue Oak Pass to cul-de-sac
- Mas Frio - Monte Seco to Cinco Rios
- Bear Oak Path - Emory Oak Dr. to Lacey Oak Path
- Mission Meadow - Mission Vista to Mission Verde
- Mission Shadow - S. Presa to Mission Brook
- Pleasanton Rd. - Mauermann to COSA city limits
- Puente - Fairlawn to Cul-de-sac

We want to hear from you. Please be sure to contact us if you see any disruption of service or a street that needs repair. We will see if it is on our Infrastructure Management Program.

## City Council District 3 Legacy Leadership Initiative (D3 LLI)

Councilwoman Viagran has initiated the first D3 LLI as a way of fostering and developing leadership among District 3 youth. Participants will have the opportunity to work directly with some of the city's top experts exploring topics in the areas of entrepreneurship, civic engagement, social responsibility, community initiatives, career exploration, city/state demographics and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). D3 LLI sessions will be held once a month on Saturdays beginning in October and finishing in Spring 2014. Fifteen students will be chosen to be members of the inaugural class of 2013-2014.



## Building Parks in the Community

District 3 staff joined local and out-of-state volunteers to build a baseball field at Pytel Park all with donated supplies.



## Centro Med Hosts a Health Fair

Attendees learned strategies to keep their families fit and healthy.



## Remembrance Ceremony at San Jose Burial Park

Honored was John. E. Kilmer, Korean War Veteran, U.S. Navy Corpsman.

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**To learn more about  
city sponsored events  
in your neighborhood,  
visit [www.sanantonio.gov](http://www.sanantonio.gov)**



## District 3 Back to School Backpack Giveaway

The office of Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran hosted a free back-to-school backpack giveaway on Saturday, August 3, at Rogers Middle School. Over 350 free backpacks, filled with school supplies, were handed out to help families get their children ready for the new school year.

The event also included an obstacle course, sponsored by Fitness in the Park, a special program of the City's Parks and Recreation Department, and fun exercise classes led by Get Fit SATX. The San Antonio Food Bank provided healthy snacks for both kids and adults to enjoy.

Other sponsors included SAISD Trustee Debra Guerrero and the San Antonio Public Library who issued library cards. Additional sponsors of the backpack event included: Toyota, Texas Roadhouse, Amerigroup, Calumet, The NRP Group, VIA Metropolitan Transit, SAWS, CPS and SA Reads. There was even a special appearance by the mascots from Texas Roadhouse and VIA. Keep an eye out for next year's event!



The SA team, which included District 3 residents, won the Silver Cup at the National Hispanic Institute debate competition in Washington, D.C. Congratulations!

Everyone had a great time at the annual Southeast Community Outreach for Older People (SCOOP) luncheon. This year's theme was "All that Jazz."

